

'What do You do?' Theme of Laboratory Week

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The Kansas Department of Health and Environmental Laboratory celebrated National Laboratory Week April 24-28. This year's theme was "What do you do all day?"

Dr. Duane Boline, KDHEL director, kicked started the week with a speech on Monday, April 24. We also had a surprise visit from Doug Farmer, KDHE's assistant secretary, who gave an impromptu appreciative speech as well.

Two speakers presented each day Tuesday through Friday. Each sectional laboratory representative spoke around 10 minutes on what they and their co-workers did every day in their sections. Many paid homage to their fellow co-workers, while others explained the past and present flow of the laboratory. The intent of these speeches was to hopefully make everyone else appreciate their fellow laboratorians. Each day of Laboratory Week had treats and door prizes were given away to two or three people.

The "social" committee (a volunteer committee made up of lab members) lead by Jon Brady, put together goodie bags for each employee to show how we appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication towards the public and the state of Kansas.

**Theresa Carter
accepting a goodie bag
from Jon Brady.**



These goodie bags were handed out on the kick off day and then the lab participated in a couple of games. The first was a lab-related crossword taken from the Positive Promotions catalog. The winners were a two-way tie, Chris Houston and Lindsey Simpson. The second game, "how well do you know your co-workers" game was a big success. It consisted of

Left-right: Shannon Gabel, Jon Brady, Liz Ganser, Stacey Sandstrom, Amy Tryon, Angela King.

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close up photos taken of people's faces, arms or hands and everyone had to guess who's who. It was great fun!

A big "Thank you" to everyone that let us take an odd picture of them without question! Many employees of the lab participated in all the events and all that participated had a good time. It was a good idea to take some time out of the year and commend those who dedicate their time to serving the public.

As seen in the movie *The Wizard of Oz*, the lab is like the man behind the curtain. Just like many other KDHE employees, we need to take time and pat ourselves on the back once in awhile. National Laboratory Week was just the ticket to a fun week!